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A Thanksgiving Story

VIXIE'S STRATAGEM. Br H. C----

"It's all bosh, Deacon, all bosh. watched the way this thing works for so many years, an' seen so many cases of follerin' one's own bent turn out miserable them as is older an' knows a thing or two, Vix !" an' are livin' nice and comfortable like together, thet I know I'm right when I declare this idee of young folks bein' mated across the first and second meadow, by natur', and a knowin' it at first sight, through the old spple orchard and the all down right bosh! And, Deacon, I'm chestnut strip, to the bowlder meadow be No. 1 GREAT JONES ST., near Broadway, goin' to act on my experience an' convictions, an' allow no such nonsense to make

or break Vixie's future." Squire Robbins emphasized this with a quick stride across the room, and, surely, his long determined upper lip, and the vertical height of his back-head in connection with his noted firmness, warranted the serious conviction of Descon Morse, that, "if Squire Robbins had so ordered that Vix must take off her hankerin' arter George Keeler an' put on a propper likin' for Felix Morse," it was a declaration that needed only a little anticipatory patience, on the part of a third party, to become a fact. Moreover, Deacon Morse, prided himself on being open to conviction in all his views, excepting certain theological dogmas that had been tried and accepted by the first-born of his ancestral line; and having a peculiar pride in the respected legacy, refused to admit himself amenable to the interrogation of advanced thought. But he saw something reasonable in Squire Robbins plea, that "Our farm's layin' you havin' a likely, stiddy, son, an both on us age -in' Deacon! Why it'il unitin' the old hum-steads an' livin' peace-

ably an' happy together." Whether or not this unconscious adoption of French marital custom could reasonably furnish extenuating precedent in that nations self extolled practice, I shall not stop to discuss; neither shall I say more, respecting Squire Robbins prospects in his proposed coercion of Vixie to his innovating scheme, than that he had careessly omitted two important factors in his impressive equation of conviction and intention. The first factor being, that Vixie was the daughter of Squire Robbins him self, inheriting his shrowdness and purpose ; and the second factor being that woman," and had "favored" Vixie with a the abrupt query : tact that Squire Robbins himself often

wife's character. That the Squire would have adduced many more reasons to support his project, his well known powers of logical amplification warrant us in believing; but unfortunately for his convincing eloquence, all further essays in this direction were suddenly put an end to by a little squeak from the hall-door, which he perturbidly left me will more than cover the price." hastened to resolve by throwing it open wide, and darting an inquisitive glance down the length of the passage every corner of which was illuminated by the rays failing to discover any adequate cause for his excitement, he returned to the colloquy with his neighbor in which they both seemed to acquire a growing interest, though it must be confessed that Souire Robbins discerned cause for suspicions in the unexplained movement of the door,

It would seem that the emoluments of life are fairly distributed through the success

certain age has been reached. The successive lessons of life leave their wake a constraining tendency to conservatism, which sooner or later impose an interest between conviction and action and it is at this point that the rising gen eration asserts its instinctive prerogative, by taking the flood to the success lost through the vacillation of its progenitor. And it was, therefore, the logical effect of cautionary measure of procuring a lamp be invested in the conceded right of self- Morse !"

her two brown hands, she slowly and si- slingly replied Vixie. clapping her hands together and exclaim- ing of that canker worm- Anxiety.

It was Vixie's habit, to go, about dark, woods, skirting the north side of the tilled land. This from having been a duty of terror, to her younger days, had become a fascinating privilege. She loved to hear court at some angle of the lane, to give maliciously hostile action. audience to her enraptured; self, she would extrication from the very prosaic toils the good Deacon and Squire were conscientiously weaving about her, to abandon herself to the enchantment of the seductive elements -the weird macrocosm giving way to the intense microcosm of a woman's mind, bent on the subjection of man's

stupidity to her own good. So when she suddenly came upon the laughing, expectant George, sitting comtortably upon a huge log, a slight shock of surprise, followed by the exclamation: You, George !" were sufficient to restore

And that rustic gallant, finding the little brown hand safe within his own, was about to deliver himself of his customary nonsense, when his mischievous glances Vixie's mother was an "onusually smart were transformed to a puzzled look, by

"George, how much did you say old confessed was a remarkable trait in his man Colburn wants for his saw mill !" "Fifteen hundred dollars; why, Vix?" "I want you to buy it, right away,

George gave a low incredulous whistle. then muttered, " If wishes were horses,

beggars might ride !" "Bay you'll buy it, George; I'll furnish the monoy! The bank account Aunt Jule

"Now, Vix," replied George, straightening himself, with a proud intention of observing the conventional code at all hazard. "this ain't my way of doin' business; of the light he held above his head. But and moreover it don't sound well. I don't like it, no how you can fix it, and won't concent to nothin' of the kind!"

"Then you'll con sent to my marrying Felix Morse!" answered Vixie with a

"Marryin' Felix Morse! What on 'arth At the same time he felt quite vexed with "I simply mean," that unless you do just himself for his display of undignified ner- as I am agoing to advise you, I'll have to marry Felix Morse as sure as fate !"

Poor George was so "clean gone" with fear and amazement, that he could but sive generations by means of the withdraw. gapingly listen to Vixie's dramatic rehearal of the aptitude for precipitancy, after a sai of the scene, between her father and Deacon Morse.

And when she finally reiterated her conviction, that, "Our only hope, George, is in your buying the mill," the bewildered fellow hastily consulted," to do anything, Vix, you think right and proper," adding after a parenthetical reflection of not hav- the future, and enlisted his active sympaing quite fully rounded his avowal, "for I'm so dreadful fond of you, Viz !"

the disperity in years, that Squire Rob stracted tone that would have been teas- little sound advice. And he felt the more bins by causing an interval in the pre- ingly resented by George under less trying committed to the welfare of his protege, as

Taking her little freckled face between a wife as any girl in the county," exasper- so studied to her father's apparent wishes, while the chair, at the left of the Squire,

lently repeated to herself the dialogue that "You wouldn't marry him nohow, would quiet anticipation of his unannounced pur- The snowy head of the aged parson slowhad taken place between her father and you Vix ?" pleaded the now disconsolate pose, and began to experience a longing to ly rose above the level of the goodly ar-Deacon Morse, and almost audibly com- George, a cold fear creeping through him, break the barrier between him and his semblage, and tremblingly asked a blessing mented; "Well, two heads may be better that if their plans should fail, Vixie's filial daughter's heart and know how the case on the bounteous repast. And soon, the than one, but I reeken they'll have a hard love might prove alrong enough to bow actually stood. job in forcing me to give up George Keeler her to a father's commands. And when to marry Felix Morse" And after a long she soberly replied : "It all depends, spell of "good thinking," her woman's George, it all depends," he felt for the first years, to assemble a large company of relawit declared its proverbial potency, in her time in his laughing careless life the knaw- tives and friends, to celebrate Thanks- with her pretty attentions, and George the

and onhappy, an' kin pint to so many who Deacon Morre don't have your hands full main long in low spirits herself, nor would be expressed a desire to have general invi. exemplary conduct and remarks. After listened, reasonable, to a little advice from of trouble in this affair, my name isn't she suffer any one else within the range of tations sent out, "and," be remarked to the most voracious had cried enough, and yond, to collect and drive home the cows an opposite direction, with a just percepti- part of the house, leaving father and Morse and Sarah Pierce." down the lane that wound through the ble smile struggling over his thoughtful daughter alone.

There was something peculiarly aggrathe glad exuberance of her voice echo and vating to Felix in this being called an old re-echo away among the old Housatonic poke, but much as he disliked the accusahills: fancying her vocal spirits returned tion, he still more disliked the startling treighted with the weird potency of cav programme he had so surreptitiously beern stream, and dell, to throw a glamour come acquainted with. He was sufficientof enchantment over her solitary ramble ly honest to acknowledge to himself And as the cool mist aros; from the humid | vein of meanness running through the soil, enveloping bush and tree and mur- sophism by which he had lulled his conmuring brook; and the owl and whippor- science throughout the interesting interwill hooted and called through the over- view; and this self-questioning joined to hanging branches, while ever and anon, the mollifying influence of Vixie's considthe distant tinkling of cow-bells came erate treatment of his precious dignity,

Perhaps a mysterious Sarah; on the far The carefully laid strata of his subser guidance of the happy couples, led Vixie have been sustained by the inspiration of opposite side of the Housatonic, the Deathe illusive scene, in making graceful and con and Source did not work of had claims. certain circle, with a woman's quick intuition, divined the true cause of Felix' attempt at ease when in her presence, and tacitly accepted him as a trusty ally.

Felix had been frequently invited to tea," and the general attendance at burch had been so managed, that he and Vixie found themselves walking home to zether, quite as a matter of course.

Marm Morse wondered audibly at the increasing intimacy, at which the Deacon chuckled and winked in a vaguely knowing manner, while Mother Robbins, though apparently smiling an approval, was really struggling to repress a sigh.

Yet Squire Robbins was troubled mind. There were three facts daily becoming more suspicious in their significance to wit the unaccountable squeak of the hall door, the abrupt cessation of George Keeler's visits, and the apparent interest Vixie so unaccountably took in Felix Morse's Company. Now, the Squire did not put these facts in juxtaposition and force them to suspicious attitude; but severally experienced an uncomfortable teeling whenever they obtruded them-

selves upon his mind. To such a positively demonstrative nature, it was absolutely necessary that the aggressive policy he had adopted, should be met by an active opposition, so that he might sternly dictate his will, and relentfully enjoin implicit obedience. He thunder of artillery, and the struggle of father, in a hourse whisper. the breach. He felt that he was actually of no need in the campaign he had accoutred himself to direct. The forces were being manœuvred by some unseen power to the end he had forecest; ar d thus bereft of the distraction of active partici pation, he found time and quiet to study the field and its combatants the more close-

ly. His only objection to George as prospective son in-law was, that he had no solid, stiddy habits, an' promised to allers be a good fur nothin' ;" but here, of a sudden, he was "workin' night an' day, an' actually doin' real handsome, as he told me with his own-lips."

George had, in fact, frequently met the squire, and, in a purely business manner taken him into confidence, and acquainted him of his success and intended plans for thy, by requesting his opinion, which gave the voluble Squire an opportunity to exerstracted tone that would have been teasingly rescuted by George under less trying
circumstances—"So you've told me several
times before!"

George's honest, carnest devotion to Souire's shrewd convictions that he settle. squeak and the opening of the door, neither saw nor heard the light, scudding, footsteps through the hall-way and up the footsteps through the hall-way and up the first state of the footsteps through the hall-way and up the first state of th

own intrepid self a legitimate capital, to be invested in the conceded right of selfpreservation.

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great Iron Mountain in Missuri. The larsupervation.

Father says I would make him as good

that he, somehow, felt oppressed by her was filled by the spruce figure of George.

It had been the Squire's custom for reigned supreme. giving day. So one morning, at breakfast more completely ingratiated himself into ing -" Now for it, father ! and if you and But it was not in Vixie's nature to re- shortly after the Governor's proclamation | the good graces of the Squire, by his very her gayety to "nurse care till it became a Mother Robbins, "as Vixie knows pretty the last cup of tea had been sipped by the patient loved," and a few minutes after she | much all the folks we've been in the hat- | portly dames, the Parson once more arose and George were on their way home, as it of havin' to Thankgivin' dinner, she and announced, with a beaming countengay and happy as if their future had been may as well save us all the trouble, by see. sace, "The company will now please pass assured. And as their voices died in the dis- in' that they be properly invited." Mo- into the parlor to witness the union, in tance, Felix Morse noiselessly parted the the Robbins assented, and then left the holy bonds of matrimony, of George bushes behind the deserted log, and took table to look after affairs in some distant Keeler and Vixie Robinson, and of Felix

The morning was of that dreary, desolate circumstances of the past few months, forcharacter that sets so many of us to mulated themselves in the mind of the thinking, in a mood and light altogether thunderstruck Squire, and he indignantly foreign to one's normal habit ; opening up rose, in all his grand proportions, to proviews of latent desire, purpose and curiosi- test. But the hand of the respected Party, of which we have been but momenta- son was laid upon his shoulder, and the rily apprised, at some peculiar conjunction Deacon looking hard, but kindly, at the of personal ciscumstances.

such mood, there seemed to rise from out to which was supplemented the goodhis sub-consciousness a hand, that honical natured reminder of old man Colburn, ly cancelled the self-sufficient theory he "Come Squire, 'twont do to deal too hard had so authoritively propounded to the with George; remember, 'he's the most deferential Deacon; and as he looked deeper into his mysterious being, he saw that hand directed by his shadowy, former a moment, and then sank into his chair with uncertain direction, her fairy land when his very name should have naturally self-a generous impulsive nature, brook. without a word. The score of girls almost seemed complete. And had Oberon and caused her the greatest repugnance, had ing no dictation, and finding arrogant ref. wild with the glorious surprise, soon had Titania, with their myriad subjects, held the effect of influencing him to, at least, no utation of parental counsel, in the possi- everything and everybody in position; and bilites of his invincible manhood.

con and Squire did not wot of, had claims, er and anon, the tension, of some too severe- kiss of forgiveness imprinted upon her alongside one another as if Natur' intend fitting reply to the royal compliments. the prospective melestation of which, ly tested part, would suffer a break, and brow. Furgeon Denlist,

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on her customary errand, she was too

much absorbed in her mundane plans of

who had heard this fact whispered in a

himself from this tormenting reverie, he turned a kindly eye on the pensive fac of his daughter, and said, in a tone that caused Vixie's heart to start, and her eyes to scan his relaxed features.

"George hasn't "made us a call in some ime, has he Vic?" "Yes, father, I believe he hasn't," re ylied Vixie, trying hard to convince herself that a strictly liberal interpretation of no hope of posterity. her father's question, cast no unfavorable Gearge, at the south-side gate, with their acter and complexion."

counselings and reassurances. Somewhat nonplussed by the evident the State of New Jersey, is a member of bore probing further in this direction, and of which Dr. Imbrie is pastor, essayed a new line of attack.

" Felix Morse strikes me as a remarkably stiddy, young man, Vixie."

"Yes, father, a prize for any girl," answered Vixie, in a tone of seemin envy. "I've noticed him all along, of late," pursued the Squire, "an' it's my opinion,

clear head on his shoulders." "I think Nelse very clever, if he does have some of his uncle's queer ways," artfully replied the little imp.

"Eh! what's that, Vixie ?" "Oh nothing, father, only that I'm half a mind, at times, to tell him he's almost fit to keep his uncle company in the asylum, just to tease him, you know."

"You don't mean to tell me, that he could not accept victory in the form of gives signs of symptoms ! do you, Vix ?" voluntary capitulation, but must have the exclaimed the now thoroughly alarmed Why how excited you are getting,

Vix!" he exclaimed, drawing nearer his chair, and his lips trembling with emotion, Italian newspapers was held October 28th "My dear child—" but ere he could utter to devise means for the relief of Garribalchair, and his lips trembling with emotion, door, and the simultaneous entrance of Deacon Morse, to ask the loan of a wagon,

put a stop to further dialogue. The Squire felt his heart heavy, with this new and startling phase of the situstion. He stood aghast at the bare possibility of Felix baying inherited the dread taint, and for the first time. acknowledged the striking physical resemblance of uncle and nephew. He forecast the future, with Vixie the unhappy wife of a mad-man? and as George's kind face thrust its reproachful look into the scene, the old man

Vixie, frightened at the effect on her father, was thankful enough for the timely interruption,

stairs. And with the presumptuous tensor long and seriously convassed its probabilities.

It is most of any discovered new power, Vixie's successful flight was held by her integral and make own intropid saif a locitimeter control of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locit of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most with the vast product of a locitimeter was the most of a locitimete

Single Copies, 5 Cents rotund turkeys were being stripped of toothsome wing and leg, and hilarity

Sarah completely captivated the Deacon

Quick as flash, all of the suspicious blushing Sarah, exclaimed, "Hadn't wa The Squire was becoming lost in some better give it up for a bad job, Squire ?"

promisin' young man in the Centre!" The Squire looked helplessly around for the Parson having invoked the Divine

Items of Interest

Where to go when short of money--

The King of the Sandwich Islands has John Smith has found relief among the Russians. His name is Jonzoff Smittow-

Henry Clay described a mule as "an animal that has no pride of ancestry and

A Western paper announces the death of reflection, upon the frequent receptions of a lady, celebrated for the "purity of char-

pain his question caused, the Squire for- the first Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, Cardinal Cullen and the entire Catholic Episcopate have issued pastoral letters de-nouncing the late address of Prof. Tyndall

at Belfast, before the British Association,

Judge Bedle, just elected Governor

as a revival of Paganism. According to a report made to the seven-teenth annual Bunday-school Convention in session at Millville, there are 1,698 Sunhe has a good, sensible mind, and carries a day schools in the State and 171,778 scholbraries is \$905,000.

> beit caused great destruction of life and property. It is estimated that Eight thou-sand lives were lost, junks were carried two hundred yards inland and every ship in port was injured. £1,000,000 damage

Church, in Roseville, was laid last week-In the State of New Jersey there are 163 Baptist churches, with 28,076 communi-

The corner-stone of the new M. E

The wages of employes in Beattie's car-pet mills, in Little Falls, have been cut down twenty per cent. A meeting of the directors of several di It was proposed to raise \$10,000 and present it to him as a national offering.

The appropriations authorized by the Missionary Committee of the M. E. Church, for the year 1875 are, \$722,808. The reduction from last year is \$120,346. The utmost effort was made by the Committee to economize. The foreign missions will be sustained without the surrender of any

The Leamington Committee of the Agricultural Laborer's Union received a deputation from Mississippi and listened to their proposals for the emigration, on a large scale of the farm hands of England to that State. The committee resolved to send a union delegate to visit Mississippi and report on the prospects, and made an appropriation to meet the expenses of the

The Scoteman speaking of American

